

I) Mr. M.Y.Tarigami, Hon'ble MLA to move the following Cut Motions:-

- 1. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in demand No: 5 in order to discuss separately district- wise the details of minor and major mineral leases currently operational in J&K.**

Reply:

The District wise details of Mining leases of Minor Mineral (RBM) currently operational in J&K:

District	Total No. of Mining Leases	Operational
Anantnag	03	0
Kulgam	19	05
Baramulla	07	04
Kupwara	12	0
Pulwama	04	0
Shopian	20	0
Ganderbal	02	0
Budgam	03	0
Jammu	34	29
Kathua	14	12
Samba	19	12
Rajouri	22	0
Poonch	15	04
Udhampur	07	02
Reasi	25	24
Doda	01	01
Kishtwar	02	01
Total	209	94

District wise details of Mining leases of Minor Mineral **Gypsum**

District	Total No. of Mining Leases	Operational
Baramulla	15	0
Doda	06	02
Ramban	03	01
Total	24	03

District wise details of Mining leases of Minor Mineral **Limestone**

District	Total No. of Mining Leases	Operational
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Anantnag	23	0
Pulwama	09	04
Srinagar	03	03
Poonch	01	0
Total	36	07

2. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in demand No: 5 in order to discuss separately district- wise the details of the revenue generated from mineral activities during the last three years indicating the percentage of amount spent on the local development of the respective areas.

Reply:

District wise Revenue generated from Mining activities during last three years indicating the percentage of amount spent on the local development of the respective areas.

S.No	District	Revenue Generated during last 03 years (in Crores)		
		2023-24	2024-2025	2025-2026 (upto Jan 2026)
1	Jammu	46.09	17.3604	15.06625
2	Kathua	19.73	13.35164	16.82201
3	Samba	8.09	6.190679	5.277167
4	Poonch	1.49	2.206202	1.043157
5	Rajouri	4.63	3.373979	0.936118
6	Udhampur	6.21	1.05463	0.78433
7	Doda	10.12	1.65868	1.338304
8	Ramban	6.53	7.398513	6.800205
9	Kishtwar	9.53	25.93889	13.45305
10	Reasi	6.41	6.674925	5.159525
11	Budgam	12.81	9.998372	8.478925
12	Baramulla	10.34	7.983217	8.372923
13	Bandipora	1.86	1.627274	1.915969
14	Ganderbal	5.01	2.964166	1.485191
15	Kupwara	4.08	2.022511	3.432808
16	Srinagar	8.86	12.42249	7.243432
17	Shopian	0.76	1.862975	1.851364
18	Kulgam	5.45	5.836773	3.711343
19	Pulwama	13.11	14.03298	9.218212
20	Anantnag	7.41	6.467138	3.781575
Total		188.52	150.42	116.1719

S.No	District	DMFT spent during last 03 years (in Crores)
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		2023-24	2024-2025	2025-2026 (upto Jan 2026)
1	Jammu	0.49	1.36	0.08
2	Kathua	0.95	0.51	0.21
3	Samba	0.03	0.00	0.00
4	Poonch	0.23	0.27	0.14
5	Rajouri	0.43	0.00	0.00
6	Udhampur	0.08	0.18	0.12
7	Doda	0.00	0.15	0.03
8	Ramban	0.05	0.00	0.00
9	Kishtwar	0.33	0.05	0.00
10	Reasi	0.27	0.00	0.00
11	Budgam	0.9288	1.04	0.7173
12	Baramulla	0.16	0.4477	0.60
13	Bandipora	0	0	0
14	Ganderbal	0.25	0	0
15	Kupwara	0.0676	0.20	0.0389
16	Srinagar	1.8428	0.8544	0.7991
17	Shopian	0	0.2764	.0179
18	Kulgam	0.3	0.6627	0.008
19	Pulwama	2.27	1.77	0.53
20	Anantnag	1.97	1.31	1.13
Total				

- 3. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in demand No: 5 in order to discuss the need for conducting of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of mining activities, particularly in riverbeds and ecologically sensitive areas.**

Reply:

The unscientific Mining in River beds may lead to river bank erosion, lowering of water tables, habitat destruction, biodiversity loss, and increased flood risks. As such, an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) helps in evaluating these risks, ensuring sustainable extraction, protecting local livelihoods, and enforcing environmental safeguards, in line with statutory environmental laws and the precautionary principle.

- 4. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in demand No:5 in order to discuss the separately the district-wise number of cases of illegal mining detected during last two years indicating the action taken against the offenders and amount realized as penalty thereof.**

Reply:

District wise details of cases of illegal mining detected during last 02 years along-with Action Taken against the offenders and amount realized as penalty is as under:

S.No.	District	2024-2025			2025-2026 (upto Dec-2025)		
		Total No. of vehicles	Total Compounding (in Rs)	No. of FIRs	Total No. of Vehicles	Total Compounding (in Rs)	No. of FIRs
1	Jammu	880	3.030306	04	505	1.951482	15
2	Kathua	380	2.59843	06	796	2.830224	01
3	Samba	527	1.153391	0	698	1.068874	0
4	Poonch	212	0.375852	0	327	0.468948	0
5	Rajouri	216	0.494278	0	245	0.434575	0
6	Udhampur	111	0.495697	0	190	0.331927	0
7	Doda	59	0.159141	0	52	0.146182	0
8	Ramban	10	0.029132	0	32	0.046078	0
9	Kishtwar	50	0.163101	02	43	0.169549	0
10	Reasi	287	0.630438	0	251	0.466445	0
11	Budgam	475	0.856949	48	548	0.964951	51
12	Baramulla	369	0.747997	19	701	1.329383	32
13	Bandipora	227	0.336083	30	290	0.560384	19
14	Ganderbal	389	0.72214	44	261	0.366682	20
15	Kupwara	385	0.67594	02	859	1.296911	46
16	Srinagar	251	0.346556	10	283	0.339847	22
17	Shopian	239	0.506584	06	172	0.382571	02
18	Kulgam	288	0.882265	15	271	0.652545	06
19	Pulwama	497	1.3945	11	498	1.747065	14
20	Anantnag	367	1.198524	15	451	0.819959	06
Grand Total		6219	16.7973	212	7473	16.37	234

5. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in demand No:5 in order to discuss the status of withdrawal of violation condition imposed on Mehataka Kalakote Coal Mine, proper maintenance and operation of Moughola Mine, depositing of coal mine provident fund, opening of new mine at Moughola and implementation of the decisions taken between management, board and workers representatives.

Reply:

The Director General of Mines Safety (DGMS), Srinagar, imposed prohibitory orders under Section 22(3) of the Coal Mines Regulations, 2017 on Metka Coal Mine vide Order dated 19.06.2025, halting coal extraction due to shortages of

statutory staff such as qualified Mine Managers, Surveyors, and Mining Sardars. The Corporation is engaging the required personnel through the GeM portal and has requested DGMS to lift the prohibition. While Moghla Mine, developed over five decades, faces reduced production and safety challenges, necessary safety measures and equipment are being provided to workers. The Corporation has substantial CMPF liabilities amounting to ₹71.34 crore up to October 2025 but is clearing pension and gratuity dues in phases and remitting current contributions regularly. Despite financial constraints and lack of budgetary support, the Corporation is meeting operational expenses and salaries; however, liquidation of past liabilities depends on realization of ₹179.04 crore outstanding from the transfer of Thermal Power Station, Kalakote to PDD. Alternatively, a one-time financial package from the Government may be considered. The issue of regularization of coal mine workers remains pending due to the Corporation's weak financial position, and the Board has emphasized minimizing expenditure and operational losses at Coal Mines Kalakote.

II) Mr. Balwant Singh Mankotia, Hon'ble MLA to move the following Cut Motions

- 1. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss the details of new mining policy in J&K and its implementation till date.**

Reply:

To regulate minor minerals in the UT of J&K, the Department notified "The Jammu and Kashmir Minor Mineral Concession, Storage, Transportation of Minerals and Prevention of Illegal Mining Rules, 2016" vide SRO-105 dated 31.03.2016. The policy provides a transparent and regulated mechanism for grant of mining leases, quarry licenses, short-term/disposal permits, and mineral dealer licenses, along with strict provisions for storage, transportation, and prevention of illegal mining. Further, the Rules incorporate environmental safeguards by mandating compliance with environmental clearance, sustainable mining practices, protection of riverbeds and eco-sensitive areas, regulation of depth and quantity of extraction, and adherence to pollution control norms. These provisions ensure scientific, sustainable, and environmentally responsible mining, while also contributing to significant direct and indirect employment generation in the UT of J&K.

- 2. I move a cut of Rs. 100/- in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss the functioning of Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY) and its implementation in J&K.**

Reply:

The Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY) is a welfare scheme aimed at ensuring that benefits of mineral development reach mining-affected areas and people. In the UT of Jammu & Kashmir, PMKKKY is implemented in accordance with the DMFT Rules, 2017, focusing on high-priority sectors such as drinking water, health care, education, sanitation, skill development, and environmental protection, along with other priority infrastructure works. The scheme ensures transparent, need-based utilization of DMF funds, regular monitoring by the District-level committees, Divisional level Committee & Governing council), and inclusive socio-economic development of mining-affected communities. An amount of Rs. 108.6 crores has been collected so far out of which 42 crores has been allocated for 945 projects under PMKKKY. 736 projects have been completed. The district wise details is as under: -

S.No	District	Total Funds Accrued (Crores)	Funds Spent (cr)	Total schemes	Schemes completed
1	Budgam	8.660	4.080	54	35
2	Baramulla	5.880	1.076	22	16
3	Bandipora	1.078	0.044	2	2
4	Ganderbal	1.560	0.670	7	7
5	Kupwara	1.191	0.490	15	15
6	Srinagar	14.910	7.543	51	31
7	Shopian	0.730	0.452	22	22
8	Kulgam	2.070	1.092	42	36
9	Pulwama	17.255	10.305	171	171
10	Anantnag	9.366	6.966	160	131
11	Jammu	6.759	2.562	202	129
12	Kathua	8.703	1.912	46	36
13	Samba	4.975	1.129	38	32
14	Poonch	1.414	0.528	13	13
15	Rajouri	1.769	1.029	36	13
16	Udhampur	0.710	0.525	8	8
17	Doda	1.625	0.160	2	1
18	Ramban	6.104	0.180	1	0
19	Kishtwar	10.662	1.462	35	30
20	Reasi	3.243	0.501	18	8
	Total	108.664	42.704	945.000	736.000

3. **I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss the Quantity (in Tons) of material including Sand, Bajri used by Gammon India Ltd for the renovation /repair of National Highway from Udhampur to Ramban in last six months, indicating also the details of royalty deposited while using the said material and also provide a copy of order issued by the Government for lifting of such material.**

Reply:

As reported, the M/S Gammon India Ltd. is a executing agency of National Highway Authority of India engaged in the renovation /repair of National Highway from Udhampur to Ramban. The department has issued 07disposal permits of Nallah Muck and Crushing Stone of 35,000 MTs to the said firm for said work. The Order copies of Disposal Permits issued by District Mineral Officer, Udhampur are enclosed as **Annexure-"A"**.

However, as and when the reports of illegal Mining are reported, the Department is taking action under Section 21(4) & (5) of Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 and rules made thereunder.

The Details of Action Taken against the violators in District Udhampur for the last 02 years are as under: -

Year	No. of vehicles seized	Penalty realized (in Crs)
2024-2025	111	0.49
2025-2026 (Dec-2025)	190	0.33

- 4. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss the details of the individuals/companies/firms who has been given permission to lift the raw material from nearby Khad, Nallas, including local farmers, AAY, PHH families for the construction of their houses under PMAY, Cattle Sheds, toilets etc.**

Reply:

As reported, the M/S Gammon India Ltd. is a executing agency of National Highway Authority of India engaged in the renovation /repair of National Highway from Udhampur to Ramban. The department has issued 07 disposal permits of Nallah Muck and Crushing Stone of 35,000 MTs to the said firm for said work. As per rules, the individual and other categories purchases material from the lease out blocks.

- 5. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss the Geo-Scientific investigations for Geological feasibility of Engineering project like Gammon India Ltd. for construction /renovation/repairs National highway from Udhampur to Ramban.**

Reply:

It is to submit that, prior to execution of any engineering project, the project proponent obtains the requisite Environmental Clearances and adopts all prescribed preventive and mitigation measures to safeguard the geo-environment of the area. The Gammon India Ltd. may also sought all the clearances before execution of the project since the District Ramban and Udhampur falls in Geological active zone (seismic Zone IV & V) Geological active. Such geo-scientific investigations play a vital role in minimizing construction risks, preventing slope failures and recurrent landslides, reducing long-term maintenance costs, ensuring structural stability, and safeguarding human life as well as the environment.

III) Mr. Sajad Gani Lone, Hon'ble MLA to move the following Cut Motions:-

- 1. I move a Cut of Rs. 100 in Demand No. 5 to discuss the posting of all District Mining Officers made since October 16, 2024, against whom departmental inquiries have been ordered in the past or are currently pending.**

Reply:

Detail of posting of District Mining Officers made since October 16, 2024 against whom Departmental inquiries have been ordered in the past or are currently pending:

S. No.	Name of the Officer	Deployed as DMO with G.O.	w.e.f.		Allegations	Inquiry initiated/status
			From	To		
	Altaf Hussain Wani Drilling Engineer	Kupwara vide G.O. No. 29-JK(MNG) of 2024 dated 15-10-2024	15-10-2024	23-05-2025	To conduct in-depth enquiry into the charges levelled against the then DMO Kupwara and other officials regarding unlawful sale of dumped sand.	Enquiry initiated vide G.O. No. 33-JK(MNG) of 2025, dated 15.05.2025 (Inquiry Report awaited).
	Naveen Kumar Driller	Kathua vide G.O. No. 24-JK(MNG) of 2024 dated 16-08-2024	16-08-2024	03-12-2024	Involved in various malpractices including illegal issuance of disposal permits, unauthorized sale of mineral material, bribery and facilitation of illegal mining.	Placed under suspension vide G.O. No. 36-JK(MNG) of 2024, dated 03-12-2024 Committee constituted by the Administrative Department vide G.O. No. 05-JK(MNG) of 2025, dated 14-01-2025. Pursuant to the finding of the committee, the officer was re-instated vide G.O. No. 42-JK(MNG) of

						2025, dated 25-06-2025.
	Khurshid Ahmad Dar, Chemist	Kulgam G.O. No. 35-JK(MNG) of 2024, dated 23-05-2025 Pulwama G.O. No. 35-JK(MNG) of 2024, dated 23-05-2025 Shopian Vide Order No. 100-JK(DGM) of 2025, dated 08-04-2025	23-05-2025 23-05-2025 08-04-2025	Till date 28-10-2025 23-05-2025	Enquiry into the allegations levelled against Sh. Khurshid Ahmad Dar, Chemist, District Mineral Officer, Pulwama holding additional charge of the post of District Mineral Office, Kulgam with reference to FIR No. 21 of 2021 (U/S 393, 341, 506 IPC) registered against the Officer.	Inquiry initiated vide G. O. No. 57-JK(MNG) of 2025, dated 01-08-2025 Report submitted by Joint Director, Kashmir is under examination for final decision.
	Majid Aziz Bhat, Workshop Superintendent	Ganderbal vide G.O. No. 17-JK(MNG) of 2023, dated 28.04.2023	28-04-2023	16-01-2024	A news item published in <i>Daily Excelsior</i> on 06.01.2024 reported a complaint filed with the ACB against Sh. Majid Aziz Bhat, District Mineral Officer, Ganderbal, and Sh. Gowhar Ahmad Reshi, BDC Member, alleging demand of bribe for issuance of a disposal	Placed under suspension vide G.O. No. 01-JK(MNG) of 2023 dated 16-01-2024 and attached in the Directorate Office, Srinagar. Inquiry initiated vide G. O. No. 78-JK9MNG) of 2025, dated 06-10-2025. The status report of FIR lodged against the Officer by Anti Corruption Bureau (Investigation Agency) is awaited.

					permit. Consequently , FIR No. 01/2024 under Section 7 of the PC Act, 1988 was registered at PS ACB, Srinagar. Sh. Majid Aziz was arrested on 06.01.2024 and remained in police/judicial custody till 16.01.2024, when he was granted bail by the Anti-Corruption Court, Srinagar.	
	J. S. Kapoor Driller	Ramban vide G. O. No. 38-JK(MNG) of 2023, dated 29-08-2023	01-09-2023	04-04-2025	Involved in various malpractices and facilitation of illegal mining in the District.	Placed under suspension vide G.O. No. 23-JK(MNG) of 2025, dated 04-04-2025. Pursuant to the findings of the Committee the Officer was re-instated vide G. O. No. 87-JK(MNG) of 2025, dated 20-11-2025
	Mohd. Sarfaraz, GG-II	Samba vide G. O. No. 35-JK(MNG) of 2024, dated 23-05-2025	23-05-2025	28-10-2025 Transfer red and posted in Directorate Office, J&K vide G. O. No. 81-JK(MNG)	Despite repeated instructions to regulate mining activities in District Samba, illegal mining has continued unabated in several areas,	Pending enquiry, placed under suspension vide G. O. No. 86-JK(MNG) of 2025, dated 18-11-2025 and attached in the O/o Joint Director, G&M, Kashmir. Decision of the Departmental

				of 2025, dated 28-10-2025	reflecting willful disobedience of superior orders and gross negligence in official duties, thereby enabling violations of SRO-105 of 2016 dated 31.03.2016 and allied rules. Such conduct indicates serious dereliction of duty, insubordination, and possible collusion with illegal miners.	Suspension Committee is awaited.
	Nadeem Ahmad Bhat, JE(Chemical)	Budgam vide G. O. No. 35-JK(MNG) of 2024, dated 23-05-2025	23-05-2025	Till date	The Enquiry Officer was nominated to conduct indepth enquiry into the allegations levelled against the Officer regarding illegal extraction of Clay, Sand & Bajri in the vicinity of Dadina, Budgam	Inquiry initiated vide G. O. No. 83-JK(MNG) of 2025, dated 10-11-2025. The Inquiry Report is under examination with in the Department.
	Mumtaz Ahmad Shah, JE (Chemical)	Kupwara/ Bandipora vide G. O. No. 35-JK(MNG) of 2024, dated 23-05-2025	23-05-2025	Till date	To enquire into the charges levelled against Mr. Mumtaz Ahmad Shah, Junior Engineer	SDE, Kashmir nominated as Inquiry Officer vide Order No. 78-JK(DGM) of 2023, dated 07-12-2023. On the recommendation

					(Chemical) in a complaint submitted by the residents of Saderkoot HajinBandipora. s of Inquiry Officer, Mumtaz Ahmad Shah, JE (Chemical) was attached in the O/o Joint Director, Jammu vide G.O. No. 12-JK(MNG) of 2024, dated 11-06-2024. Further, DVO, Kashmir appointed as Inquiry Officer Enquiry Ordered vide Order No. 69-JK(DGM) of 2024, dated 12.07.2024 for exhaustive enquiry. Pursuant to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, the Officer was exonerated.
	Mohd. Imtiaz Driller	Reasi/ Udampur/ Ramban vide G. O. No. 24-JK(MNG) of 2024 dated 16.08.2024	16-08-2024	20-11-2025	Enquiry initiated for rampant illegal mining activities being carried out in various parts of the district, causing significant loss to Government revenue, damage to the environment, and posing risks to public safety. Inquiry Officer appointed vide G. O. No. 85-JK(MNG) of 2025 dated 18.11.2025 RDA closed vide G. O. No. 101-JK(MNG) of 2025, dated 15-12-2025 Attached in the O/o Joint Director, Kashmir vide G. O. No. 89-JK(MNG) of 2025, dated 20-11-2025.

2. I move a Cut of Rs. 100/- in Demand No. 5 to discuss the steps being taken to protect the interests of locals in the allotment of mining contracts.

Reply:

The Government has taken following steps for the allotment Mining contracts to locals:-

1. The e-auction of mineral blocks is a transparent, fair, and competitive method for grant of mineral concessions, wherein any eligible individual or firm is permitted to participate in accordance with the provisions of the J&K Mineral Concession Rules, 2016.
2. The lessees are engaging local manpower for extraction and transportation of minerals from their respective leased-out blocks, thereby supporting and securing the livelihood of local population.
3. Furthermore, with a view to safeguarding and promoting the livelihood of locals, the Government of Jammu & Kashmir, vide S.O.-599 of 2022 dated 15.11.2022, amended the J&K Mineral Concession Rules, 2016, thereby allowing Disposal Permits for manual and customary extraction of minor minerals such as sand, silt, and clay by local Hanjis, Khantias, Muleteers, etc.

Additionally, under the specific conditions of Environmental Clearance granted by the Jammu & Kashmir Environment Impact Assessment Authority (JKEIAA), the lessees are mandated to employ local labour for mining operations.

IV) Mr. Mir Mohammad Fayaz, Hon'ble MLA to move the following Cut Motions:

- 1. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss on the revival of customary mining in the Khumriyal area of Kupwara on which local residents have been dependent for their livelihood for decades.**

Reply:

In order to provide key construction material to the Govt. Projects of National/UT importance and the general public including Khumriyal area, the Department has granted two Mining Leases (Minor Mineral Block Nos. 5 and 6) falling in Nallah Lolab at Khumriyal Kupwara during the year 2020-21. Furthermore, with a view to safeguarding and promoting the livelihood of locals, the Government of Jammu & Kashmir, vide S.O No. 599 of 2022 dated 15.11.2022, amended the J&K Mineral Concession Rules, 2016, thereby allowing Disposal Permits for manual and customary extraction of minor minerals such as sand, silt, and clay by local Hanjis, Khanias, Muleteers, etc.

- 2. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss the non-availability of sand to the public for construction purpose in District Kupwara due to non-functioning of sand mining blocks in the Mawar area.**

Reply:

To overcome the shortage of key raw materials, three (03) Minor Mineral Blocks in Nallah Mawar were proposed for e-auction. Out of these, only one Minor Mineral Block, namely MN-4, has been cleared by the District Level Single Window Committee and shall be put to e-auction after obtaining due approval from the competent authorities. This initiative is expected to substantially mitigate the shortage of sand and other construction materials in the Mawar area. Further, to safeguarding and promoting the livelihood of local communities across the UT of J&K, the Government of Jammu & Kashmir, vide S.O.-599 of 2022 dated 15.11.2022, has already issued provisions by way of issuance of Disposal Permits for manual and customary extraction of minor minerals such as sand, silt, and clay by local Hanjis, Khanias, Muleteers, and other traditional stakeholders.

- 3. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss the non-availability of authorized stone quarries, resulting in acute shortage of construction material for both private and Government projects.**

Reply:

The Stone Quarry Belts of Kupwara viz., Kralpora, Gugloosa, Magam, Lolab etc. falls in the demarcated Forest Land and were closed in compliance to the Hon'ble High Court of J&K & Ladakh order in the case titled Sofi Arif Maqbool Vs State of J&K Others. Further, for providing key construction material both private and Government projects, the department has already granted 12 Mining Leases after obtaining NOCs of all Stakeholder departments, Approved Mining Plan, Environment Clearances and Consent to Operate.

- 4. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss whether CPPL, executing NH-701, has established crusher plants after fulfilling all prescribed statutory and environmental norms along-with the details of approval/orders issued.**

Reply:

The Stone Crusher Unit situated at Gund Momin Trehgam has been installed by M/S GECPL CPPPL-JV for execution of the NH-701. The said unit is project specific and was granted NOC by Deputy Commissioner vide no: DCK/LAS/25/138-44 dated: 24-01-2025 for a period of 30 months. The Unit also possesses Consent to Establish (Fresh) issued by JKPCC vide Consent No: PCC/digital/25015279639 of 2025 dated: 03-09-2025 & Consent to Operate issued by JKPCC vide Consent No: PCC/digital/25045825828 of 2025 dated: 31-10-2025.

V) Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, Hon'ble MLA to move the following Cut Motions:-

- 1. I move a cut of Rs. 100/- in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss whether landowners whose agricultural land has been filled with sand and stones due to floods are permitted to remove/sell the material for restoration of land; if so, by when, and if not, reason thereof.**

Reply:

The **Rule 107 (iii)** of Jammu and Kashmir Minor Mineral Concession, Storage, Transportation of Minerals and Prevention of Illegal Mining Rules, 2016 notified vide SRO-105 of 2016 dated 31.03.2016 provides that: -

Explanation; Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, no rent, royalty or fee shall be charged for minor minerals extracted during:-

- (iii) extraction of Minor Mineral by an agriculturist from his/her private land bonafide purpose of agriculture; and

In order to mitigate the impact of recent disaster (Floods/landslides), and keeping in view the poor financial stability of the farmers, financial constraints and in terms of Rule 107 of SRO-105 of 2016, the Directorate of Geology and Mining has issued circular vide No. 01/MCC/DGM/Misc/25/1144-47 dated 02.09.2025, wherein all the District Mineral officers are directed to facilitate the removal and lifting of river borne material/debris deposited/slided and scattered on the affected proprietary/agricultural cultivable lands after due title verification from the Revenue Department, without involving any disturbance of the original ground surface by way of pits, trenches or otherwise. This arrangement as a measure for Disaster Management shall be available for a period of Two (02) months from the date of issuance of this Circular only.

- 2. I move a cut of ₹100/- in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss the revenue loss due to illegal mining in Ramgarh area of District Samba and the amount recovered during the last two financial years; year wise and if not recovered, reason thereof.**

Reply:

The Department has granted Three (03) Mining Leases in Ramgrah Constituency of District, Samba out of which 02 Mining Leases are operational for providing key construction material to various Projects of National and UT importance/General masses. However, as and when the reports of illegal Mining reported, the Department is taking action under Section 21(4) & (5) of

Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 and rules made thereunder.

During the last two financial years, enforcement action in the Ramgarh area resulted in penalization of **20 vehicles and 12 illegal mineral dumps** and a total penalty amount of **Rs. 4, 23,000** was imposed and recovered.

Further, the Details of Action Taken against the violators viz; vehicles seized/penalty realized in District Samba during the last 02 years are as under:

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Year	No. of vehicles seized	Penalty realized (in Crs)
2024-2025	527	1.1533
2025-2026 (Dec-2025)	698	1.0688

- 3. I move a cut of Rs. 100 in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss when new mining licences will be issued, the complete procedure involved, and whether local youth of Ramgarh and District Samba are being given priority, along with details of related employment /self-employment schemes.**

Reply:

The department has already granted 19 Mining leases in District Samba for providing key construction material to various Projects of National and UT importance/General masses. Further, as per provisions of SRO-105 of 2016 and Sand Mining Guidelines, the department has identified more new 09 Minor Mineral blocks in District Samba and the detail of these blocks were submitted to Deputy Commissioner, Samba during the month of May-2025 for obtaining NOCs from the stakeholder departments under Single Window System. However, these nine (09) blocks have not been cleared by the stakeholder departments. Further, the department is making efforts through Regular Field programmes to identify Feasible Minor Mineral blocks in District Samba including Ramgarh area.

- 4. I move a cut of ₹100 in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss whether district/ UT officers consult Hon'ble MLAs on mining activities, in their constituencies, the mechanism to curb illegal mining and whether any MLA recommendation/permission is legally permissible under any rules.**

Reply:

For identification and carving out of mineral blocks, the Director, Geology & Mining has constituted teams of District-level and UT-level officers. The

mineral blocks are identified and carved out in consultation with stakeholder departments, strictly in accordance with the provisions of SRO-105 of 2016 and the Sand Mining Guidelines, 2016 and 2020. Further, any suggestions or concerns raised by Hon'ble MLAs with regard to mining activities are taken cognizance of by the District-level and UT-level officers within the framework of the rules and guidelines in force. In order to regulate the illegal Mining activities in UT of J&K, the Government vide order No. **1569-GAD of 2018 dated 22-10-2018** has constituted Multi Departmental District Level Task Force Cell (MDDLTFCC) headed by the concerned Deputy Commissioner(s) in Geology & Mining Department. The department shall take due cognizance on the recommendation of Hon'ble MLA regarding Mining activities.

VI) Mr. Ranbir Singh Pathania, Hon'ble MLA to move the following Cut Motions:-

- 1. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss gap between notified mineral blocks and actually functional blocks in J&K, including delay in Operationilization after auction and consequent revenue loss to the exchequer.**

Reply:

To address the gap between notified mineral blocks and actually functional blocks in the Union Territory of J&K, it is submitted that the Department grants mining leases only after obtaining the approved Mining Plan, Environmental Clearance, Consent to Operate, and other statutory approvals, for a lease period of five (05) years. However, the Environmental Clearance issued by the J&K Environment Impact Assessment Authority (JKEIAA) is generally valid for a period of two (02) to three (03) years, and delay in timely renewal of the Environmental Clearance for the remaining lease period may result in a procedural gap between notified mineral blocks and their further Operationilization as functional blocks. Such delay is procedural in nature and, therefore, the question of revenue loss to the Government exchequer does not arise.

- 2. I move a cut of Rs. 100/- in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss pendency and timelines for Environmental Clearances and absence of a defined maximum timeframe for making allotted mining blocks operational.**

Reply:

The maximum period for final allotment/grant of Mining Lease and subsequent Operationilization of Mineral blocks and parameters/practices are provided in "Jammu and Kashmir Minor Mineral Concession, Storage, Transportation of Minerals and Prevention of Illegal Mining Rules, 2016 notified vide SRO-105 of 2016.

The brief steps for grant of Mineral concession is as under: -

- E-auction of the Minor Mineral Block through District Level Auction Committee under the Chairmanship of Dy. Commissioner, concerned.
- On recommendation of Chairman Auction Committee, LoI is issued to successful bidders with the direction to submit approved Mining Plan, Environmental Clearance, Consent to Operate issued from competent Authorities within a period of 01 year.

Thereafter, the following steps involved in approval/issuance of above requisite documents,

- a.) **Approval of Mining Plan:-** District Level Committee headed by Deputy Commissioner Concerned approve the Mining Plan.
- b.) **Environment Clearance issued by JKEIAA subject to the following: -**
 - i) Screening by the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC).
 - ii) NOCs from Stakeholder departments.
 - iii) MDLTF report.
 - iv) Scrutinizing by SEAC.
 - v) Public Consultation/Hearing in case of blocks having area morethan 5 hectare.
 - vi) Appraisal by SEAC.
 - vii) Issuance of Environment Clearance by SEIAA
- c.) Consent to operate issued by JKPCC.

Upon receipt of the above said requisite documents, the formal Mining Lease shall be allotted/granted in favour of the applicant(s)/successful bidder(s). Thereafter, upon execution and subsequent registration of the Mining Lease Deed, the leased area shall be duly demarcated and formally handed over to the lessee for Operationilzation of the Mining lease.

3. I move a cut of Rs.100 in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss illegal mining in Udhampur district, particularly along the Devika, Duddar & Tawi and river / khads, including estimated annual revenue loss and enforcement action taken.

Reply:

The Department has granted 02 Mining Leases in Devika, Duddar & Tawi and river/ khads of District, Udhampur out of which 02 Mining Leases are operational for providing key construction material to various Projects of National and UT importance/General masses. However, as and when the reports of illegal Mining received, the Department is taking action under Section 21(4) & (5) of Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 and rules made thereunder.

Further, the Details of Action Taken against the violators in District Udhampur for the last 02 years are as under: -

Year	No. of vehicles seized	Penalty realized (in Crs)
2024-2025	111	0.495697

2025-2026 (Dec-2025)	190	0.331927
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- 4. I move a cut of Rs. 100 in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss environmental degradation and structural risk to bridges and public infrastructure due to unregulated riverbed mining, including findings of any scientific assessments.**

Reply:

Before grant of any Mineral concession in any area, the department has taken due cognizance in order to safeguard the environmental degradation and structural risk to bridges and public infrastructure by obtaining NOCs of all Stakeholder departments and maintaining safety zones in accordance with the provisions of SRO-105 of 2016 and sand Mining Guidelines 2016 & 2020. Further, as reported, there is no environmental degradation and structural risk to bridges and public infrastructure due to unregulated riverbed mining. However, during the current year, due to flash floods, torrential rains, and cloudbursts resulting from incessant rainfall, erosion or damage to river/nallah banks, roads, and bridges may have occurred, which is a natural phenomenon.

- 5. I move a cut of Rs.100 in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss operational status, case disposal rate and deterrence impact of Special Mining Courts constituted to curb illegal extraction.**

Reply:

In order to strengthen enforcement and curb illegal extraction of minerals, the Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, J&K, vide S.O. 302 dated 27.11.2025, has constituted Special Mining Courts for exercising jurisdiction for speedy trial of mining-related offences. As reported, so far twenty-four (24) cases have been referred to these Special Mining Courts, which are presently under trial. The constitution of these courts is expected to have a strong deterrent impact against illegal mining activities.

VII) Mr. Shakti Raj Parihar, Hon'ble MLA to move the following Cut Motions

- 1. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss the policy for giving priority to locals including youth, Panchayats and Cooperatives in granting mining rights and contracts in Doda.**

Reply:

The Government has adopted following Policy for the allotment of Mining contracts to locals (youth, Panchayats, Cooperatives) and contracts in Doda district:-

1. The e-auction of mineral blocks is a transparent, fair, and competitive method for grant of mineral concessions, wherein any eligible individual or firm is permitted to participate in accordance with the provisions of the J&K Mineral Concession Rules, 2016.
2. The lessees are engaging local manpower for extraction and transportation of minerals from their respective leased-out blocks, thereby supporting and securing the livelihood of local population.
3. Furthermore, with a view to safeguarding and promoting the livelihood of locals, the Government of Jammu & Kashmir, vide S.O.-599 of 2022 dated 15.11.2022, amended the J&K Mineral Concession Rules, 2016, thereby allowing Disposal Permits for manual and customary extraction of minor minerals such as sand, silt, and clay by local Hanjis, Khanias, Muleteers, etc.
4. Additionally, under the specific conditions of Environmental Clearance granted by the Jammu & Kashmir Environment Impact Assessment Authority (JKEIAA), the lessees are mandated to employ local labour for mining operations.

Further, the provisions also provided in the rules where the Minerals are not in State land. The permission shall be granted to the owner of the Pvt. Land or his authorized representative for mineral concession.

- 2. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss the mining revenue generated from Doda during the last five years and details of its utilization for District Development Work.**

Reply:

The detail of Mining Revenue generated and details of its utilization for District Development work in the District Doda during the last 05 years:

Year	Revenue (Rs in lacs)	Amount spent (in)
2021-2022	137.32	0.00
2022-2023	173.44	0.00
2023-2024	205.74	0.00
2024-2025	165.86	15.00
2025-2026(upto Jan-2026)	107.55	0.30

3. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss whether the government intends to reserve mining contracts for local entrepreneurs in hilly districts like Doda.

Reply:

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VIII) Mr.Pawan Kumar Gupta, Hon'ble MLA to move the following Cut Motions:-

- 1. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No.5 in order to discuss the failure of the department to check Illegal mining, which is adversely affecting Udhampur West Constituency as the ground water level has drastically come down, creating an alarming situation in providing potable water from rivers like Duddar, Birma, and Tawi.**

Reply:

As reported, no ground water level has drastically down creating an alarming situating in the Tawi and its tributaries due to Mining. However, as and when the reports of illegal Mining/violations reported, the Department is taking action under Section 21(4) & (5) of Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 and rules made thereunder.

The Details of Action Taken against the violators in District Udhampur for the last 02 years are as under: -

Year	No. of vehicles seized	Penalty realized (in Crs)
2024-2025	111	0.495697
2025-2026 (Dec-2025)	190	0.331927

- 2. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No.5 in order to discuss the failure of the District Mineral Foundation in holding regular meetings and curbing illegal mining and Improper riverbed demarcation, which is affecting irrigation and drinking water sources in Udhampur West Constituency.**

Reply:

The Mining leases granted under the provisions of SRO-105 of 2016 are being made operational only after fulfilling all the necessary Terms and conditions of the lease and rules thereof including demarcating the leased area by installing pillars on the corner points of the leased out area with mentioning Geo-coordinates. Further, any extraction outside the boundary of Mining Lease area is being monitored by IMSS through Triggers.

Further, regarding implementation of DMFT, a series of meeting has been conducted under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner concerned and fund are utilized for the mining affected areas in district Udhampur. The details is as under:

S.No	District	DMFT spent during last 03 years (in Crores)		
		2023-24	2024-2025	2025-2026 (upto Jan 2026)
1	Udhampur	0.08	0.18	0.12

Further, in order to curb the illegal Mining, the Government has constituted a "Multi Departmental District Level Task Force Cell" vide G.O No. 1569-GAD of 2018 dated 22-10-2018 under Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner concerned.

3. **I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No.5 in order to discuss the failure of the concerned authorities of the department to properly monitor illegally run stone crushers, which are violating pollution control norms. These crushers are also charging exorbitant rates for crushed aggregates, sand, and other building materials, despite government-fixed rates,**

Reply:

In order to streamline the Minor Mineral based units (Stone Crushers/Hot-wet Mix Plants) of J&K (UT), the Government has issued S.O-60 of 2021 dated 23.02.2021 namely ***the Jammu and Kashmir Stone Crushers/Hot and Wet Mixing Plants Regulation Rules, 2021*** wherein the mandate for establishment/operation of Stone Crusher/Hot and Wet Mixing Plant falls in the domain of:

- (i) The Jammu and Kashmir Pollution Control Committee.
- (ii) Deputy Commissioner Concerned
- (iii) District Industries Centre (DIC) concerned.

As such, the Stone Crusher violating pollution control norms falls in the domain of JKPCC. Further in order to prevent charging of exorbitant rates,for crushed aggregates, sand, and other building materials, despite government-fixed rates, the Government has constituted a "Multi Departmental District Level Task Force Cell" vide G.O No. 1569-GAD of 2018 dated 22-10-2018 under Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner concerned.

4. **I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No.5 in order to discuss the steps being taken to maintain ecological balance while ensuring compliance with environmental norms. The use of stone crushers and heavy machinery such as JCBs in rivers and rivulets is depleting the groundwater level, particularly in Udhampur district.**

Reply:

In order the check, maintain and ensuring the ecological balance and environment norms are also in the domain of Jammu and Kashmir Pollution control Committee and J&K Environment Impact Assessment Authority. Further, as reported, no ground water level depletion of Ground water due to Mining in Udhampur district. However, as and when the incidences of illegal Mining reports are received, the Department is taking action under Section 21(4) & (5) of Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 and rules made thereunder.

5. **I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No.5 in order to discuss the steps being taken against violators as well as erring Government officers responsible for aiding them as these failures perpetuate ecological imbalance**

Reply:

As reported, there is no ground water depletion in District Udhampur due to Mining activities since the Mining lease is being granted after securing NOCs from Stakeholder department and upon submission of Environment clearance, Consent to operate etc.

As and when the incidences of illegal Mining reports are received, the Department is taking action under Section 21(4) & (5) of Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 and rules made thereunder. Further, if any officer/official found responsible for aiding violators, the provision provided in the CSR rules.

IX) Dr. Narinder Singh Raina, Hon'ble MLA to move the following Cut Motions:-

- 1. I move a cut of Rs. 100/- in Demand No: 5 in order to discuss the reasons of failure to curb illegal mining due to non-implementation of GPS/RFID tracking, absence of fixed timelines, lack of officer accountability, weak penalties, non-establishment of fast-track courts, no asset confiscation of offenders, failure to use drone/AI monitoring, poor enforcement through e-challans and weighbridges, and inadequate strengthening of the mining law, resulting in unchecked illegal mining.**

Reply:

The Department has, for the first time, developed an Integrated Mining Surveillance System (IMSS) Portal and Mobile Application through BISAG. The system integrates GPS/RFID, e-Challan, e-Market, and Public Grievance portals on a unified dashboard

In order to curb illegal mining, the Government has issued Notification S.O. 311 dated 05.12.2025 for implementation of a GPS-based vehicle tracking system for monitoring mineral transportation. The said notification has been implemented across the Union Territory of J&K.

As on date, 2,904 vehicles engaged in mineral transportation have been fitted with GPS tracking devices, out of which 2,445 vehicles have been integrated with the BISAG-N platform for real-time monitoring and enforcement.

The Department is implemented the on-spot imposition/realization of penalties on violators involved in illegal mining through Point of Sale (POS) machines on the analogy of Traffic Department.

As such, the use of the above technology enhances transparency and monitoring, thereby strengthening officer accountability and facilitating faster detection of violations and recovery of penalties.

In order to strengthen enforcement and curb illegal extraction of minerals, the Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, J&K, vide S.O. 302 dated 27.11.2025, has constituted Special Mining Courts for exercising jurisdiction for speedy trial of mining-related offences.

As reported, so far twenty-four (24) cases have been referred to these Special Mining Courts, which are presently under trial. The constitution of these courts is expected to have a strong deterrent impact against illegal mining activities.

X) Mr. Waheed Ur Rehman Para, Hon'ble MLA to move the following cut motions:

- 1. I move a cut of Rs. 100/- in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss the status of district-wise revenue collected from e-tenders allotted for mining by the J&K Government where manual extraction was prescribed under affidavit but mechanized methods are being used and also the details of the total value of mining business conducted across all categories of minerals, and an assessment of the financial loss to the State exchequer due to excess extraction through mechanized excavation as compared to manual methods, across all types of contracts issued by the Mining Department, along with the estimated loss incurred by the Government.**

Reply:

In order to safeguard mineral resources and ensure scientific exploitation of minerals in the Union Territory of J&K, the Department has granted 209 mining leases on State land after obtaining No Objection Certificates from stakeholder departments, approved Mining Plans, Environmental Clearances, and Consents to Operate from the competent authorities. Mining activities are strictly permitted as per the quantities approved in the statutory documents and are being regularly monitored by the field functionaries of the Department, District Administration, JKEIAA, and the Pollution Control Committee.

However, as and when illegal incidences of mining are reported including the use of heavy machineries the action under relevant provisions is being taken by the Officers/officials of the Department/ District Administration time to time. The details of total Revenue Realized from the blocks, vehicles/machineries/illegal dumps seized, penalty realized and FIRs lodged are as under:-

S.No.	District	2024-2025				2025-2026 (upto Dec-2025)			
		Revenue Generated	Total No. of vehicles	Total Comp. (Rs in Cr.)	No. of FIRs	Revenue Generated	Total No. of Vehicles	Total Comp. Rs in Cr.)	No. of FIRs
1	Jammu	17.360	880	3.030	04	15.0662	505	1.951	15
2	Kathua	13.351	380	2.598	06	16.822	796	2.830	01
3	Samba	6.190	527	1.153	0	5.277	698	1.068	0
4	Poonch	2.206	212	0.375	0	1.043	327	0.468	0
5	Rajouri	3.373	216	0.494	0	0.936	245	0.434	0
6	Udhampur	1.054	111	0.495	0	0.784	190	0.331	0
7	Doda	1.658	59	0.159	0	1.338	52	0.146	0
8	Ramban	7.398	10	0.029	0	6.800	32	0.046	0
9	Kishtwar	25.938	50	0.163	02	13.453	43	0.169	0

10	Reasi	6.674	287	0.630	0	5.159	251	0.466	0
11	Budgam	9.998	475	0.856	48	8.478	548	0.964	51
12	Baramulla	7.983	369	0.747	19	8.372	701	1.329	32
13	Bandipora	1.627	227	0.336	30	1.915	290	0.560	19
14	Ganderbal	2.964	389	0.722	44	1.485	261	0.366	20
15	Kupwara	2.022	385	0.675	02	3.432	859	1.296	46
16	Srinagar	12.422	251	0.346	10	7.243	283	0.339	22
17	Shopian	1.862	239	0.506	06	1.851	172	0.382	02
18	Kulgam	5.836	288	0.882	15	3.711	271	0.652	06
19	Pulwama	14.032	497	1.394	11	9.218	498	1.747	14
20	Anantnag	6.467	367	1.198	15	3.781	451	0.819	06
Grand Total		150.42	6219	16.79	212	116.17	7473	16.37	234

5. **I move a cut of Rs. 100/- in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss Number and amount of Environmental Compensation imposed by the Government or the J&K Pollution Control Committee on project proponents involved in illegal riverbed mining, sand mining, and clay mining indicating also the details of the compensation collected by the Mining Department on account of sand, earth, and riverbed mining in Jammu and Kashmir, the estimated loss to the State exchequer, and the penalties imposed and paid by the Mining Department and concerned project proponents in compliance with the orders of the National Green Tribunal (NGT).**

Reply:

The National Green Tribunal (Principal Bench, New Delhi) in the Original Application No. 241/2021 titled Raja Muzaffar Bhat versus Union of India & others passed an order on March 8, 2022 wherein State of J&K has been held responsible for failing to prevent the **dumping of solid waste, discharge of untreated sewage and illegal mining** in Doodhganga and Mamath Kul, District Budgam and has been directed to pay interim compensation of **Rs. One Crore each under the three heads** which may be deposited in a separate account to be utilized for restoration of environment. Besides this, the Hon'ble NGT has imposed Environmental Compensation to the tune of Rs. 746400/- and Rs. 833520/- to the lease holders of River Bed Minor Mineral Block No. 11 and 12 falling in Doodhganga Nallah respectively vide order dated 15.03 .2024. in Original Application No. 351/ 2023 titled Raja Muzaffar Bhat VS UT of J&K & Others.

In compliance to the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal's Order passed on March 8, 2022, Rupees One Crore were deposited with the Deputy Commissioner, Budgam by the Mining Department, J&K for carrying out restoration works in the affected areas. Accordingly, seven (07) restoration works, tabulated

below, were identified and executed in Doodhganga Nallah and Mamath Kul through Flood Control Department which stand completed:

S.No.	Name of the work
1.	Construction of Concrete Protection wall on either side of Mamath Nallah DS Mamath Bridge
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3.	Construction of Protection work on right side of Doodhganga Nallah sloughened portion near the house of Fayaz Ahmad Dar
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7.	Construction of crated fall DS Mamath Bridge (Budgam Nallah).

6. **I move a cut of Rs. 100/- in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss whether the Government has any plan to set up Manufactured Sand (M-Sand) plants in Jammu and Kashmir in view of the rapid depletion of natural sand deposits in riverbeds, and to reduce environmental degradation and illegal sand mining in the Union Territory.**

Reply:

As per records available in this Department, the Government /Department has no any plan to set up Sand(Sand Plants) in J&K (UT). Further there is no report regarding the rapid depletion of Sand deposits in River beds across the UT of J&K and reduce of environmental degradation. However, as and when illegal incidences of mining are reported, the action under relevant provisions is being taken by the Officers/officials of the Department/ District Administration time to time.

7. **I move a cut of Rs. 100/-in Demand No. 5 to discuss the Government's plan for Blue Sapphire mining with transparency and fair access for local stakeholders indicating also the number of cases of illegal Blue Sapphire mining detected the fines and penalties imposed, and the measures being taken to prevent illegal mining and ensure regulated, lawful exploitation of this valuable mineral resource.**

Reply:

Vide SRO-48 dated 11.02.1988, the Government reserved entire area (about 51 Sq.Km) of Sapphire Mines in Sumcham Paddar, Kishtwar of District, Doda (now in District, Kishtwar) for exploitation by the J&K Minerals Ltd. Subsequently, vide Government Order No. 18-Ind of 1989 dated 20.01.1989, the sanction was accorded to the grant of Mining lease of Sapphire and other Gem Stones such as, Corundum, Ruby, Topaz, Garnet, Rubellite & Aquamarine in Sumcham Paddar District, Doda (Now, District Kishtwar) to J&K Minerals Ltd in respect of the area reserved in Public Sector vide Notification SRO-48 of 1988 dated 11.02.1988 over an area of 2.60 Sq. Miles for a period of 20 years in the first instance.

Subsequently, the Government renewed the said lease vide order No. 128-IND of 2016 dated 22.06.2016 for a period of 25 years retrospectively w.e.f 20.01.2009 in terms of Rule 24 (A)(3) of Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 read with clause 8 of sub section (8-A) of section 8 of the Mines and Minerals (Development & regulation) Amendment Act, 2015. The JK Govt. vide Order No. GM-JKML/3/2023-02, dated 26.04.2023 was withdrawn the lease order. Exploration of sapphire deposits in Sumcham / Neelam Khan area is being undertaken by MECL under the Ministry of Mines. Preliminary G-3 level exploration completed during 2023–24 has revealed corundum and associated gemstones. As reserves cannot yet be reliably quantified, a proposal is being prepared to seek further exploration and composite licensing through the Government of India.

Further, in order to prevent safety and security of mines/precious/valuable mineral in nature , this Directorate vide letter No. 896/MCC/DGM/ML/07/5786-88 dated 19.11.2024 and 896/MCC /DGM /ML /07 /5789-91 dated 19.11.2024 has already informed the Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar/SSP, Kishtwar that as on date the department has not granted any Mining lease in favour of any individual/firm/company to extract the above said minerals form the Sapphire Mine area and also requested to issue necessary directions to concerned Police Stations/Police Posts/Revenue department to take necessary action against the violators under relevant rules so that the safety and security of Sapphire Mines shall be maintained besides also requested they Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar to impose Section 144 of IPC in and around the Mine area but till date no action taken report has been received from District Administration Kishtwar in this regard. Further, as on date this Directorate has not received any complaint regarding the illegal Mining of Blue Sapphire from the area in question.

8. **I move a cut of Rs. 100/- in Demand No. 5 to discuss the factual number and present status of rivers, streams, and tributaries damaged due to illegal and mechanized mining in Jammu and Kashmir indicating also the details of cases where orders have been passed by the National Green Tribunal (NGT), and the action taken thereon and also the need for use of monitoring tools such as drone surveillance and CCTV cameras at mining sites.**

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As on date, 2,904 vehicles engaged in mineral transportation have been fitted with GPS tracking devices, out of which 2,445 vehicles have been integrated with the BISAG-N platform for real-time monitoring and enforcement.

The Department is implemented the on-spot imposition/realization of penalties on violators involved in illegal mining through Point of Sale (POS) machines on the analogy of Traffic Department.

As such, the use of the above technology enhances transparency and monitoring, thereby strengthening officer accountability and facilitating faster detection of violations and recovery of penalties.

XI) Mr. Sheikh Khursheed, Hon'ble MLA to move the following Cut Motions:

- 1. I move a cut of Rupees 100 in Demand Number 05 in order to discuss the block-wise details of mining permissions granted in Nallah Mawar and Nallah Pohru of Langate Constituency, indicating quantity sanctioned, extraction period, monitoring mechanism prescribed and quantity actually extracted, to verify compliance under the supervision of the DMO Kupwara.**

Reply:

Details of Mining Permissions granted for execution of Government works in Nallah Mawar and Nallah Pohru of Langate constituency are tabulated below.

S.No.	Name of the Permit Holder	Source	Quantity granted in MTs	Validity Period	Remarks
1	Feroz Ahmad Dar	Nallah Mawar at Domail	1104 Nallah Muck	13-02-2025 to 17-02-2025	The Area incharge concerned has been assigned the job of monitoring the lifting process on daily basis consumption of quantity in full or expiry of the validity period which was reported earlier.
2	Farooq Ahmad Kar	Nallah Mawar at Khar ora	474 Nallah Muck	17-12-2025-20-12-2025	
3	Aijaz Ahmad Sofi	Pohru Nallah at Sonawani	376 Clay	08-11-2024 to 18-11-2024	
4	Aijaz Ahmad Sofi	Pohru Nallah at Sonawani	1503 Clay	04-12-2025 to 10-12-2025	

As reported, Further the department has also granted 06 mining leases in Nallah Pohru for providing key construction material and presently they are non operational for last 1.5 year.

- 2. "I move a cut of Rupees 100 in Demand Number 05 in order to discuss trip wise and day-wise data of mineral transportation from Nallah Mawar and Nallah Pohru, including e-challans, GPS-enabled vehicle details, weighbridge records and check-post verification, and to fix responsibility for any discrepancy.**

Reply:

As reported, since there is no operational Minor Mineral Blocks in Nallah Pohru for last 1.5 years as such the trip wise and daily wise details of the mineral transported doesn't arise. However, as and when the instances of illegal mining/ transportation in the district are dealt under extent Rules which

include Seizure of Vehicles/Machinery/Dumps etc. During the current financial year this office has seized around 859 Vehicles/ Machinery/ Dumps involved in illegal mining activities and realizing an amount of 1.29 Crores from the offenders.

- 3. "I move a cut of Rupees 100 in Demand Number 05 in order to discuss the reconciliation of transported mineral quantity with royalty assessed and royalty realised from mining operations in Nallah Mawer and Nallah Pohru during the last one and a half years under the jurisdiction of the DMO Kupwara.**

Reply:

As reported, since there is no operational Minor Mineral Blocks in Nallah Pohru for last 1.5 years as such the reconciliation of transported mineral quantity with royalty assessed and royalty realized from mining blocks doesn't arise. However, Permissions for disposal permits were issued for a specific period & quantity on advance payment of royalty.

- 4. I move a cut of Rupees 100 in Demand Number 05 in order to discuss the details of environmental clearances, replenishment studies, buffer-zone compliance reports and assessment of ecological or infrastructure damage caused due to mining in Nallah Mawer and Nallah Pohru.**

Reply:

The department has granted 06 Mining Leases in Nallah Pohru after obtaining NOCs of all Stakeholder departments, Approved Mining Plan, Environment Clearances and Consent to Operate etc issued from competent authorities. Subsequently, the department has prepared district survey report, conducted replenishment study in District Kupwara including Pohru Nallah wherein the status of Mineral blocks as well as other details are discussed in details. However, the compliances regarding assessment of ecological infrastructure are falls in the domains of JKEIAA. Further, as reported as and when incidences of illegal Mining are reported in district Kupwara including buffer zones, the department is taking stringent actions against the violators. During the current financial year this office has seized around 859 Vehicles/ Machinery/ Dumps involved in illegal mining activities and realizing an amount of 1.29 Crores from the offenders.

5. **"I move a cut of Rupees 100 in Demand Number 05 in order to discuss the proposed mining e-auction initiated by the DMO Kupwara for extraction of minor minerals in Nallah Mawer and adjoining areas, as it is not clear whether mandatory environmental impact assessment, geological and hydrological studies, statutory clearances and consultation with Panchayati Raj Institutions and affected residents have been undertaken; therefore, the proposed e-auction deserves to be kept in abeyance until full legal and environmental compliance is ensured.**

Reply:

The Three 03 Minor Mineral Blocks (MN4, MN6 & MN7) falling in Nallah Mawer were reserved vide Govt. Order No. 25-MNG of 2021 dated: 31-08-2021 for JK Minerals Ltd. but the agency failed to carry out the mining operations due to unknown reasons and subsequently, surrendered the said blocks.

These blocks in the Mawer Nallah were then proposed for E-Auction by the MDDLTF in its meeting held on 29-08-2025. Out of these proposed 03 Minor Mineral Blocks falling in Nallah Mawar, only one Minor Mineral Block (MN4) only 01 Minor Mineral blocks by stake holding departments with the recommendation that manual mining with no mechanical means.

Further, one insitu block at Shanoo Langate was also proposed for E-Auctioning and the Stakeholding department under Single window system has cleared the block for e-auction.

The brief steps for grant of Mineral concession is as under: -

- E-auction of the Minor Mineral Block through District Level Auction Committee under the Chairmanship of Dy. Commissioner, concerned.
- On recommendation of Chairman Auction Committee, LoI is issued to successful bidders with the direction to submit approved Mining Plan, Environment Clearance, Consent to Operate issued from competent Authorities within a period of 01 year.

Thereafter, the following steps involved in approval/issuance of above requisite documents,

- c.) **Approval of Mining Plan:-** District Level Committee headed by Deputy Commissioner Concerned approve the Mining Plan.
- d.) **Environment Clearance issued by JKEIAA subject to the following: -**

- viii) Screening by the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC).
- ix) NOCs from Stakeholder departments.
- x) MDLTF report.
- xi) Scrutinizing by SEAC.
- xii) Public Consultation/Hearing in case of blocks having area morethan 5 hectare.
- xiii) Appraisal by SEAC.
- xiv) Issuance of Environment Clearance by SEIAA

c.) Consent to operate issued by JKPCC.

Upon receipt of the above said requisite documents, the formal Mining Lease shall be allotted/granted in favour of the applicant(s)/successful bidder(s). Thereafter, upon execution and subsequent registration of the Mining Lease Deed, the leased area shall be duly demarcated and formally handed over to the lessee for Operationilzation of the Mining lease.

XII) **Ms. Devyani Rana, Hon'ble MLA to move the following Cut Motions:**

- 1. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss the need for conduction of comprehensive mineral survey in Nagrota constituency.**

Reply:

It is submitted that Mineral investigation and systematic Mineral surveys have already been carried out by the Geological Survey of India (GSI), Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (WIHG), Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) and the Department of Geology & Mining as per approved programmes.

The Department has conducted / replenishment studies/survey and prepared District Survey Report (DSR) of Jammu District in accordance with the provisions of the Sustainable Sand Mining Management Guidelines, 2016 and the Enforcement & Monitoring Guidelines for Sand Mining, 2020.

Geologically, Nagrota area of Jammu District falls in the Sub-Himalayan (Outer Himalayan) zone and is predominantly underlain by the Siwalik Group of formations comprising sandstone, shale, clay and conglomerate, along with river-borne deposits along seasonal nallahs. **The area is generally prospective for minor construction minerals such as sand, bajri and boulders and does not indicate any significant potential for major minerals.**

The Department has conducted reconnaissance surveys and replenishment studies in the area and has accordingly carved out 07 mineral blocks in Nagrota area, subsequently e-auctioned and as on date two Mining Leases are granted for providing key construction material for various developmental works. However, no exclusive or constituency-wise comprehensive mineral survey has been conducted specifically for Nagrota Constituency, as mineral investigations are undertaken in areas where minerals have economic value and industrial uses thereof.

- 2. I move a cut of Rs.100/ in Demand NO. 5 in order to discuss the number of local youth employed in mining blocks of Nagrota Constituency.**

Reply:

It is submitted that there is no specific provision in the rules mandating a fixed number of local youth to be employed in mining blocks. However, the following provisions exist under the prevailing rules to safeguard employment opportunities and livelihood of the local population:

The e-auction of mineral blocks is a transparent, fair and competitive method for grant of mineral concessions, wherein any eligible individual or firm can participate in accordance with the provisions of the J&K Mineral Concession Rules, 2016.

The lessees are engaging local manpower for extraction and transportation of minerals from their respective leased blocks, thereby supporting and securing the livelihood of the local population.

Further, with a view to safeguarding and promoting the livelihood of locals, the Government of Jammu & Kashmir, vide S.O.-599 of 2022 dated 15.11.2022, amended the J&K Mineral Concession Rules, 2016, thereby permitting issuance of Disposal Permits for manual and customary extraction of minor minerals such as sand, silt and clay by local Hanjis, Khanias, Muleteers, etc.

1. Additionally, as per specific conditions of Environmental Clearance granted by the Jammu & Kashmir Environment Impact Assessment Authority (JKEIAA), the lessees are required to give preference to local labour in mining operations.
2. Further, the provisions also provided in the rules where the Minerals are not in State land. The permission shall be granted to the owner of the Pvt. Land or his authorized representative for mineral concession.

3. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss whether mining is permitted in flood-prone riverbeds and nallahs for Nagrota constituency and the safeguards in place to prevent increased flood risks.

Reply:

It is submitted that mining operations in riverbeds and nallahs are not permitted indiscriminately, particularly in flood-prone areas. However, under the provisions of SRO-105 of 2016 (J&K Minor Mineral Concession, Storage, Transportation of Minerals and Prevention of Illegal Mining Rules, 2016), read with the Sustainable Sand Mining Guidelines and subject to obtaining No Objection Certificates (NOCs) from stakeholder departments including Irrigation & Flood Control, Revenue, Forest, and other concerned authorities, the Department is empowered to identify and carve out specific mineral blocks where:

- Material has accumulated due to floods;
- Sufficient mineral deposits are scientifically assessed and available;

- Extraction is considered environmentally sustainable and technically feasible.

Such blocks are identified only after due field verification, scientific assessment, and proper demarcation in accordance with the approved District Survey Report (DSR) and other statutory requirements. Thereafter, the mineral blocks are put to e-auction through a transparent and competitive process as prescribed under the Rules. Mining operations are allowed only after approval of the Mining Plan, grant of Environmental Clearance, and adherence to safety norms including prescribed depth restrictions, buffer distances from embankments and hydraulic structures, and continuous monitoring to ensure that extraction does not aggravate flood risks or disturb river morphology.

4. I move a cut of Rs. 100/- in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss need for declaration of landslide-prone slopes and hilly areas of Nagrota constituency as no-mining or restricted-mining zones.

Reply:

It is submitted that under the provisions of SRO-105/SRO-106 of 2016 (J&K Minor Mineral Concession, Storage, Transportation of Minerals and Prevention of Illegal Mining Rules, 2016), Mining operations are strictly regulated and are not permitted in a blanket manner, particularly in landslide-prone slopes and hill regions and environmentally sensitive zones/Geologically active zones.

Identification of Mining areas is carried out through the District Survey Report (DSR) and technical feasibility studies, examining slope stability, geological safety, and environmental sustainability. Mining is allowed only after obtaining NOCs from stakeholder departments including Forest, Revenue, Irrigation & Flood Control, and others concerned.

Further, operations are subject to approved Mining Plan, Environmental Clearance, and environmental norms prescribed under Sustainable Sand Mining Guidelines, including depth restrictions, slope stabilization measures, protection of natural drainage, buffer distances from infrastructure, and continuous monitoring. Thus, mining is allowed only in areas that are scientifically examined and environmentally safe, so that landslide risks and damage to the ecology are not increased.

5. I move a cut of Rs. 100/- in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss whether disaster risk maps, flood zoning, and landslide susceptibility data are being integrated while granting mining leases in Nagrota constituency.

Reply:

It is submitted that while granting mining leases in any area, the Department gives due consideration to the mineral potential of the block, technical feasibility, geo-environmental safety, and disaster risk parameters in accordance with the provisions of SRO-105/106 of 2016, the MMDR Act, 1957, Sustainable Sand Mining Guidelines, and other applicable environmental norm. The decision-making process incorporates:

- District Survey Reports (DSR) based on scientific and geological assessment;
- Inputs from the Irrigation & Flood Control Department regarding flood zoning and vulnerable river stretches;
- Geological assessments concerning landslide susceptibility and slope stability;
- Environmental appraisal at the stage of grant of Environmental Clearance under EIA Notification, 2006;
- Compliance with conditions imposed by the Pollution Control Committee and other statutory authorities.

Mining blocks are not identified in flood-prone, erosion-sensitive, landslide-prone, forest, eco-sensitive, or otherwise environmentally fragile areas. Necessary **NOCs from stakeholder departments** are obtained prior to grant of lease, and safety buffers, depth restrictions, slope stabilization measures, and other mitigation safeguards are incorporated in the approved Mining Plan. Thus, disaster risk considerations, including flood zoning and landslide vulnerability, form an integral part of the statutory scrutiny process to ensure that mining activities do not aggravate natural hazards or compromise public safety.

XIII) Mr. Shabir Ahmad Kullay, Hon'ble MLA to move the following Cut Motions:

- 1. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No.5 in order to discuss the illegal extraction of minerals from rivers, streams, and other water bodies in District Shopian.**

Reply:

Twenty (20) Mining Leases of RBM have been granted in District Shopian, out of which 18 fall in Nalla Rambiar and 2 fall in Nalla Sasara. Besides, Disposal permits have been granted for projects of National importance to the Principle Executing Agencies as per the provisions of J&K Mining Rules, 2016 (SRO-105 of 2016).

However, as and when the instances of illegal mining/ transportation in the district are dealt under extent Rules which include Seizure of Vehicles/Machinery/Dumps etc

The details of actions taken against the Illegal Mining in the District Shopian during the last five years is tabulated as under:

Year	No. of Seizures	Penalty imposed (Rs)
2021-22	79	2176719
2022-23	76	1304119
2023-24	129	2308085
2024-25	239	4960136
2025-26 (upto Jan-26)	178	3860264

- 2. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No.5 in order to discuss the formation of sinkholes and damage to riverbeds, agricultural land, and nearby habitations in District Shopian due to illegal mining activities.**

Reply:

Mining has been taking place for the riverbed material before 2016 when mining permits were granted on Short Term Permit basis as per the provision of J&K Mining Rules, 1962 and in 2017 open auction was conducted for various blocks for grant of Mining leases. Post open auction, mining was carried out mechanically under the transitory provisions granted from time-to-time upto Nov-2019 in accordance with J&K Mining Rules, 2016. The mining operations prior to 2019 were carried out as per the provisions of SRO-105 upto a depth of 3

meters. Subsequently open auction was scrapped on the directions of Honble Court paving way for e-auction. Mining Leases granted under e-auction were restricted for extraction upto 1 meter only as per the conditions prescribed by JKEIAA while granting EC for the projects.

3. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No.5 in order to discuss the environmental and ecological impact of unregulated mineral extraction in District Shopian.

Reply:

The mining activities are governed by SRO-105 of 2016 and no mining activity is allowed without duly approved mining plan, environmental clearance granted by JKEIAA and consent to operate from J&K Pollution Control Committee. The mining activities are regulated through a set of rules and guidelines and is being monitored by the department and by MDDLTFC and wherever any violation is observed, penalties are imposed/ recovered from the offenders. Fine to the tune of Rs 68,87,116/- has been imposed on the mining lease holder for violation of norms during last two years, besides Rs 89,10,284/- has been collected for illegal transportation and mining activities in the District during last two years (2024-25 to 2025-26)

4. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No.5 in order to discuss the long term and future implications, including risks to groundwater stability, public safety, and sustainable water resources in District Shopian.

Reply:

The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has constituted District Level Single Window Committee under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner for acquiring NOC or otherwise from all the stake holding departments before leasing out any Block and in case of 20 MMBs of District Shopian the said NOCs have been secured. Till date no technical report has been received from any of the technical Departments regarding any effect on groundwater stability, public safety, and sustainable water resources in the district. Further, these impacts if any, have been discussed in the DSR and remedial measures have been given in the document. Also, remedial measures for any such effect have also been enlisted in the ECs.

5. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No.5 in order to discuss the details of criteria adopted or being followed for identification, notification, and allotment of mining blocks in District Shopian.

Reply:

The procedure followed for identification, notification and allotment of MMBs is given as under:

- a. Identification: Mineral Blocks /Plots in riverbeds are identified on the basis of technical surveys and studies conducted by the geological experts of the department.
- b. Notification: The Blocks identified are sent to the Director Geology and Mining for seeking NOCs from the Stakeholders Departments (DLSWC) through Deputy commissioner. After securing NOCs, the Blocks are forwarded to the administrative department for approval after fixation of Minimum reserve bid, and then the blocks are notified for e-auction.

After the notification of the blocks the e-auction is conducted by the District Level e-auction Committee headed by concerned DC and the individual/Firm who gives highest bid is declared successful bidder. After depositing 50% of the bid amount and applicable charges, LoI is issued to H1 bidder for completion of formalities followed by formal grant/ allotment of Mining Lease.

XIV) Mr. Randhir Singh, Hon'ble MLA to move the following Cut Motions:

- 1. I move a cut of Rs. 100 in demand No. 5 in order to discuss the pending dues of retired workers (permanent and daily wagers) of Kalakote, Moghla, Beragoa and Metka Coal Mine workers, indicating their, Names, Date of Joining, Date of retirement and category-wise details of dues.**

Reply:

The details of pending dues of retired workers (permanent and daily wagers) of Kalakote, Moghla, Beroga and Metka Coal Mine workers along-with their names, date of joining, date of retirement, forming **as Annexure-B.**

- 2. I move a cut of Rs 100/- in Demand No.5 in order to discuss the reasons for non clearance of Liabilities related to 6 pay commission of the present and retired workers of Kalakote, Metka, Moghla and Beragoa coal mines of Jammu and Kashmir Minerals Ltd.**

Reply:

The recommendations of the 6th Pay Commission were implemented notionally w.e.f. 01.01.2006 and effectively from 01.04.2012; however, arrears were not released due to financial constraints. In its 175th Meeting held on 18.04.2023, the Board approved payment of 6th/7th Pay Commission arrears, subject to availability of 50% of the annual operating profit. The Corporation presently has pending 6th Pay Commission arrears of approximately Rs. 36 crore, of which Rs. 24 crore pertains to Coal Mines Kalakote (Metka, Moghla and Beragoa). As the Corporation is generating revenue only to meet day-to-day expenses and salaries and is not earning consistent operating profits, it is presently unable to clear these arrears. The Corporation has also sought release of Rs. 179.04 crore outstanding on account of the transfer of Thermal Power Station, Kalakote to the Power Development Department, as realization of this amount would significantly improve its financial position and enable liquidation of such liabilities.

- 3. I move a cut of Rs 100/- in Demand No.5 in order to discuss the year wise revenue generated by the coal mines of Kalakote, Moghla, Metka and Bergoa in last 20 years and the expenditure, both capital and revenue expenditure bifurcated, incurred by the government during the last 20 years on these mines.**

Reply:

The year wise revenue generated by the the coal mines of Kalakote, Moghla, Metka and Bergoa in last 20 years and the expenditure, both capital and revenue expenditure bifurcated, incurred by the government since 2013 onwards, is as under:

S. No	Financial Year	Sale in MTS	Revenue Generated Rs. in Lacs	Capital Expenditure (Rs. in Lacs)	Revenue Expenditure (Rs. in Lacs)	Remarks (Profit/Loss) Rs. in Lacs
1.	2013-14	12709.40	791.00	80.00	763.07	(+) 27.93
2.	2014-15	13796.00	888.00	-	725.10	(+) 162.90
3.	2015-16	12681.00	798.35	25.00	772.66	(+) 25.59
4.	2016-17	9717.20	646.22	24.30	807.82	(-) 161.60
5.	2017-18	14995.10	1201.79	43.00	1006.01	(+) 195.78
6.	2018-19	12633.30	1051.87	10.00	1212.78	(-) 160.91
7.	2019-20	13854.00	766.75	21.00	1275.31	(-) 508.56
8.	2020-21	8325.22	657.67	NIL	1495.20	(-) 837.53
9.	2021-22	11490.30	1477.21	NIL	2618.72	(-) 1141.51
10	2022-23	10842.80	1052.73	NIL	2389.80	(-) 1337.07
11	2023-24	3516.00	341.18	NIL	1410.48	(-) 1069.30
12	2024-25	2199.05	216.27	NIL	1500.00	(-)1283.73

However, the record prior to 2013 are not forthcoming from available records.

- 4. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No.5 in order to discuss the market, government, and book value of the assets owned by Jammu and Kashmir Minerals Ltd. in Jammu and Kashmir (District Wise), and outside Jammu and Kashmir, segregated separately.**

Reply:

The detail regarding marker, government and book value of the assets owned by the Jammu and Kashmir Minerals Limited, forming **as Annexure-A**.

- 5. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss the crusher-wise and district-wise details of all operational units with their legal clearances, particulars of illegal or non-compliant crushers and action taken, details of units operating despite closure orders, electricity consumption records of crushers shown as closed, reasons for repeated increase in rates of Bajri and Sand, steps taken to regulate prices and prevent hoarding and black-marketing, and accountability fixed on officials and operators responsible.**

Reply:

In order to streamline the Minor Mineral based units (Stone Crushers/Hot-wet Mix Plants) of J&K (UT), the Government has issued S.O-60 of 2021 dated 23.02.2021 namely ***the Jammu and Kashmir Stone Crushers/Hot and Wet Mixing Plants Regulation Rules, 2021*** wherein the mandate for establishment/operation of Stone Crusher/Hot and Wet Mixing Plant falls in the domain of: -

- (iv)** The Jammu and Kashmir Pollution Control Committee.
- (v)** Deputy Commissioner Concerned
- (vi)** District Industries Centre (DIC) concerned.

However, the mandate of the Geology & Mining Department is to monitor and regulate only in respect of providing raw material from legal source to the Stone Crushers/Hot-wet mix plants.

In the J&K (UT) there are 693 Stone Crushers Units in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir out of which 522 Units are functional and 171 are non-functional out of which 48 are sealed/completely closed. The details (District-wise) of said Units is as under:-

District	Total No. of Crusher units	No. of Crusher Units as on date	
		Functional	Non-Functional/ Sealed/Closed
Anantnag	29	25	04
Bandipora	04	04	0
Kulgam	09	08	01
Baramulla	46	45	01
Kupwara	18	09	09
Pulwama	134	106	28
Shopian	04	04	0

Ganderbal	14	14	0
Budgam	109	107	02
Srinagar	16	12	04
Jammu	67	53	14
Kathua	76	44	32
Samba	24	06	18
Rajouri	33	19	14
Poonch	30	16	14
Udhampur	22	19	03
Reasi	11	04	07
Ramban	06	04	02
Doda	18	07	11
Kishtwar	23	16	07
Total	693	522	171

XV) Dr. Sunil Bhardwaj, Hon'ble MLA to move the following Cut Motions

- 1. I move a cut of Rs 100/- in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss the legal and Illegal Crushers in Nowshera.**

Reply:

It is submitted that there are 11 (eleven) stone crusher units in Nowshera, District Rajouri, and all are operating legally.

- 2. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss the Name and details of stone crusher units that are running or operational without completing required legal formalities as per the rules.**

Reply:

No stone crusher units in Nowshera is running or operational without completing the requisite legal formalities.

- 3. I move a cut of Rs.100/-in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss the reasons for allowing such units to operate and Fixation of responsibility on officials/officers concerned and the action taken or proposed against the violators.**

Reply:

As and when the incidences of illegal Mining/Storing/Stocking of Minerals/Illegal Transportation reported, the Department is taking action under Section 21(4) & (5) of Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 and rules made thereunder.

Further, the Details of Action Taken against the violators in District Rajouri including Nowshera for the last 02 years are as under: -

Year	No. of vehicles seized	Penalty realized (in Crs)
2024-2025	219	0.494278
2025-2026 (Dec-2025)	245	0.434575

- 4. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss the details of the crushers operating despite Closure Orders and Details of stone crushers that continue to operate despite closure orders issued by competent authorities.**

Reply:

As reported, no stone crusher unit in Nowshera is operating in violation of the closure orders issued by the competent authorities.

- 5. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss the Names of crusher units which are shown as closed on official records but whose electricity consumption bills are being generated every month indicating the month-wise electricity consumption and payment details for the last 15 months of such units.**

Reply:

As reported, no stone crusher units in Nowshera that are shown as closed in official records are operating, and any electricity bills generated monthly pertain only to fixed or minimum charges, if applicable.

XVI) Mr. Aga syed Muntazir Mehdi, Hon'ble MLA to move the following Cut Motions:-

- 1. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss whether the Government has assessed the prevalence and extent of illegal mining, including unauthorized extraction and transportation of minerals, in Jammu and Kashmir, if so, the details thereof, and, in view of the stated policy of zero tolerance, what steps are being taken to strengthen district-level vigilance and enforcement, including the role and accountability of District Mineral Officers, disciplinary action, and cancellation of leases of licences in cases of violations?**

Reply:

The Department is taking following steps to assess the prevalence and extent of illegal mining, including unauthorized extraction and transportation of minerals, in UT of Jammu and Kashmir:

- The Department, for the first time, has developed an Integrated Mining Surveillance System (IMSS) Portal and Mobile Application through Bhaskaracharya Institute for Space Applications and Geo informatics (BISAG) with features of Dashboard integrated with the Departmental e-Challan/e-Market Portal/GPS/Rfid/Public grievance portal. The system is designed to detect suspicious activities (illegal mining) within a radius of 500 meters outside the mining lease boundary. The technology automatically generates alerts ("triggers") for any unauthorized activity or discrepancy, which are simultaneously flagged to the concerned District Mineral Officer, Senior Superintendent of Police, and Deputy Commissioner for necessary verification. As of date, a total of 144 such triggers have been generated and forwarded to the respective officers for field verification reports and an amount of Rs. 110.47 Lacs have been realized on account of penalty.
- For effective transportation of Minerals, the Administrative (Mining) Department vide S.O No. 311 dated 05.12.2025 has made mandatory the installation of GPS enabled vehicle/carrier registered with the Department (with a Unique Rfid number) for transportation of minerals which is in place and as on 31.01.2026, **2416 No.** of devices are integrated with BISAG-N.
- A "Multi Departmental District Level Task Force Cell" has been constituted vide G.O No. 1569-GAD of 2018 dated 22-10-2018 under Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner concerned.

- The Department has also constituted a Vigilance cum Monitoring Flying Squad/Enforcement team for Jammu/Kashmir Divisions vide order No. 114-JK(DGM) of 2025, dated 01.05.2025 to strengthen the surveillance on illegal extraction and transportation of Minor Minerals in the UT of J&K
- The Department has also launched Online Web-portal (e-Challan/e-Market Place) on 24.08.2022 for sale and purchase of minerals online at notified rates for convenience of general public.
- Constitution of District level Environmental Committees for implementation of Environmental Plans and enforcement of Environmental norms on ground level vide Govt. Order No.81-JK(GAD) of 2019 dated 25.11.2019.
- The Department is implemented the on-spot imposition/ realization of penalties on violators involved in illegal mining through Point of Sale (POS) machines on the analogy of Traffic Department.

The details of district wise Action for last 02 years in UT of J&K is as under: -

S.No	District	2024-2025			2025-2026 (upto Dec-2025)		
		Total No. of vehicles	Total Compounding (Rs in Cr.)	No. of FIRs	Total No. of Vehicles	Total Compounding (Rs in Cr.)	No. of FIRs
1	Jammu	880	3.030306	04	505	1.951482	15
2	Kathua	380	2.59843	06	796	2.830224	01
3	Samba	527	1.153391	0	698	1.068874	0
4	Poonch	212	0.375852	0	327	0.468948	0
5	Rajouri	216	0.494278	0	245	0.434575	0
6	Udhampur	111	0.495697	0	190	0.331927	0
7	Doda	59	0.159141	0	52	0.146182	0
8	Ramban	10	0.029132	0	32	0.046078	0
9	Kishtwar	50	0.163101	02	43	0.169549	0
10	Reasi	287	0.630438	0	251	0.466445	0
11	Budgam	475	0.856949	48	548	0.964951	51
12	Baramulla	369	0.747997	19	701	1.329383	32
13	Bandipora	227	0.336083	30	290	0.560384	19
14	Ganderbal	389	0.72214	44	261	0.366682	20
15	Kupwara	385	0.67594	02	859	1.296911	46
16	Srinagar	251	0.346556	10	283	0.339847	22
17	Shopian	239	0.506584	06	172	0.382571	02

18	Kulgam	288	0.882265	15	271	0.652545	06
19	Pulwama	497	1.3945	11	498	1.747065	14
20	Anantnag	367	1.198524	15	451	0.819959	06
Grand Total		6219	16.7973	212	7473	16.37	234

- 2. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss whether the Government has evaluated the environmental impact of mining activities, including illegal riverbed mining, in Jammu and Kashmir, particularly with regard to depletion of water tables degradation of river systems, and risks to drinking water infrastructure if so, the findings thereof, and what digital or technological measures have been introduced to regulate mining and ensure effective enforcement, environmental protection, and sustainable management of mineral and water resources.**

Reply:

In order to discuss whether the Government has evaluated the environmental impact of mining activities, including illegal riverbed mining, in Jammu and Kashmir—particularly with regard to depletion of water tables, degradation of river systems, and risks to drinking water infrastructure—it is submitted that:

The grant and regulation of mining leases in the Union Territory of J&K are governed by the provisions of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (as amended), the J&K Minor Mineral Concession, Storage, Transportation of Minerals and Prevention of Illegal Mining Rules, 2016 (SRO-105 of 2016), the Sustainable Sand Mining Management Guidelines, 2016, the Enforcement & Monitoring Guidelines for Sand Mining, 2020, and other applicable environmental laws and norms.

Before grant of any mining lease, the following safeguards are mandatorily ensured:

- Preparation of District Survey Reports (DSRs) based on scientific and geo-environmental assessment of mineral potential and replenishment studies;
- Approval of a Mining Plan incorporating environmental management measures;
- Prior Environmental Clearance (EC) from the competent authority (SEIAA/DEIAA, as applicable);
- Consent to Establish/Operate from the Jammu & Kashmir Pollution Control Committee (JKPCC);

- Compliance with riverbed mining parameters such as restricted depth of mining, safe distance from banks, bridges, water supply schemes and other infrastructure, and maintenance of environmental flow.

Illegal mining, including unauthorized riverbed extraction, is dealt with strictly under SRO-105 of 2016 and relevant provisions of the MMDR Act, 1957, which provide for seizure, penalties, recovery of mineral value, and prosecution.

Further, to ensure effective regulation and environmental protection, the Government has introduced various digital and technological measures, including:

- E-auction of mineral blocks for transparent allotment;
- Online issuance of transport permits (e-challans);
- GPS tracking of vehicles engaged in mineral transportation, wherever mandated;
- Periodic field inspections and joint enforcement drives by the Department of Geology & Mining and District Administration;
- Maintenance of digital records and monitoring mechanisms to prevent illegal extraction and over-exploitation.

Thus, mining operations in the UT are regulated through a structured legal and environmental framework to ensure sustainable management of mineral resources while safeguarding river ecology, groundwater levels, and drinking water infrastructure.

XVII) Mr. Satish Kumar Sharma, Hon'ble MLA to move the following cut Motions:-

- 1. I move a cut of Rs 100/- in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss the steps taken by the Government to stop illegal mining in Bhini and Ujj river.**

Reply:

The Department has granted (09) Mining Leases in Bhini and Ujj river of District, Kathua after securing NOCs of all Stakeholder departments, and upon submission of Approved Mining Plan, Environment Clearances and Consent to Operate etc for providing key construction material to various Projects of National and UT importance/General masses. However, as and when the reports of illegal Mining reported, the Department is taking action under Section 21(4) & (5) of Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 and rules made thereunder.

Further, the Details of Action Taken against the violators in District Kathua including in Bhini and Ujj Rivers for the last 02 years are as under: -

Year	No. of vehicles seized	Penalty realized (in Crs)	No. of FIRs registered/lodged
2024-2025	380	2.59843	06
2025-2026 (Dec-2025)	796	2.830224	01

The Department is taking following steps to curb the menace of illegal Mining:

- The Department, for the first time, has developed an Integrated Mining Surveillance System (IMSS) Portal and Mobile Application through Bhaskaracharya Institute for Space Applications and Geo informatics (BISAG) with features of Dashboard integrated with the Departmental e-Challan/e-Market Portal /GPS /RFID/Public grievance portal. The system is designed to detect suspicious activities (illegal mining) within a radius of 500 meters outside the mining lease boundary. The technology automatically generates alerts ("triggers") for any unauthorized activity or discrepancy, which are simultaneously flagged to the concerned District Mineral Officer, Senior Superintendent of Police, and Deputy Commissioner for necessary verification. As of date, a total of 144 such triggers have been generated and forwarded to the respective officers for field verification reports and an amount of Rs. 110.47 Lacs have been realized on account of penalty.

- For effective transportation of Minerals, the Administrative (Mining) Department vide S.O No. 311 dated 05.12.2025 has made mandatory the installation of GPS enabled vehicle/carrier registered with the Department (with a Unique RFID number) for transportation of minerals which is in place and as on 31.01.2026, **2416 No.** of devices are integrated with BISAG-N.
- A "Multi Departmental District Level Task Force Cell" has been constituted vide G.O No. 1569-GAD of 2018 dated 22-10-2018 under Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner concerned.
- The Department has also constituted a Vigilance cum Monitoring Flying Squad/Enforcement team for Jammu/Kashmir Divisions vide order No. 114-JK(DGM) of 2025, dated 01.05.2025 to strengthen the surveillance on illegal extraction and transportation of Minor Minerals in the UT of J&K
- The Department has also launched Online Web-portal (e-Challan/e-Market Place) on 24.08.2022 for sale and purchase of minerals online at notified rates for convenience of general public.
- Constitution of District level Environmental Committees for implementation of Environmental Plans and enforcement of Environmental norms on ground level vide Govt. Order No.81-JK(GAD) of 2019 dated 25.11.2019.

The Department is implemented the on-spot imposition/ realization of penalties on violators involved in illegal mining through Point of Sale (POS) machines on the analogy of Traffic Department.

2. I move a cut of Rs 100/- in Demand No. 5 in order to discuss the action taken by the Government against the Stone crushers working without valid CLU's

Reply:

In order to streamline the functioning of Minor Mineral based units viz. Stone Crushers and Hot/Wet Mixing Plants in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, the Government has notified **S.O.-60 of 2021 dated 23.02.2021**, namely The Jammu and Kashmir Stone Crushers/Hot and Wet Mixing Plants Regulation Rules, 2021.

As per the said Rules, establishment and operation of such units are subject to mandatory clearances/NOCs from the following authorities:

1. **Jammu and Kashmir Pollution Control Committee (JKPCC)** – for Consent to Establish (CTE) and Consent to Operate (CTO) under environmental laws.

2. **Deputy Commissioner concerned** – for land-related permissions and overall district-level regulatory compliance.
3. **District Industries Centre (DIC) concerned** – for registration and industrial facilitation formalities.

The **Change of Land Use (CLU)**, wherever applicable, is processed by the competent revenue authorities and forms a prerequisite before issuance of the above certificates/NOCs.

It is further submitted that the mandate of the Department of Geology & Mining is limited to regulating and monitoring the supply of raw material (minor minerals) to these units. The Department ensures that the stone crushers/Hot & Wet Mixing Plants procure minerals only from legally valid mining leases/blocks operating with requisite approvals. The Department does not issue establishment permission for such units, except to the extent of verifying lawful sourcing of minerals.

Sd/-
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Mining Department

Under Secretary to the Government
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